Author's response to reviews

Title: Central syntropic effects elicited by trigeminal proprioceptive equilibrium in subjects affected by Alzheimer Disease: a case report

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Dear Professor,

I have greatly appreciated the reviewers’ and Editorial Team’s comments. I have revised the manuscript and the single variations are reckoned up one by one:

referee 1:
1) the words “occlusal muscles” are referred to as “masseter muscles” and, consequently, replaced in the points [u1] and [u3];
2) the sentences “bilaterally edentulous in the inferior molars” and “inferior molars bilateral edentulism” have been replaced with “bilateral lack of all inferior molars” in the points [u2]-[u4]-[u5];
3) the words “elevator occlusal muscles” have been replaced with “masseter muscles” in the point [u6];

referee 2:
1) the abbreviations have been avoided in the Abstract;
2) the Abstract has been shortened and the expression “Italian Hospital” has been omitted.
3) “the informed consent” has been omitted in the Introduction;
4) the quotation “MMSE” has been reported in Neuropsychological evaluation issued by the Alzheimer Evaluation Unit. In the “Introduction” section it has been replaced with “Neuropsychological evaluation”; 
5) the conclusions have been modified, and referred to this specific case report;
6) Neuropsychological evaluation results and pupillometric results have been summarized, respectively, within tables 1 and 2;
7) - 8) figures and References have been formatted according the Journal style
9) -10) figure legends have been made more descriptive and the paragraphs have been shortened as much as possible. Moreover, in keeping with the journal style, I have made the following changes:

1) the “Results” section has been removed and pupillometric, saccadic, Neuropsychiatric and fMRI evaluations have been reported, more coherently, in the “Case Presentation” section and underlined. (However, I found it advisable to describe briefly the saccadic and pupillometric tests which are not common in clinical practice).

2) the sentences “All experiments on the patient were conducted in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki” and “An original fMRI, neuropsychological evaluation and Consent form copy is available for review by the Editor-in-Chief of this Journal” have been removed;

3) moreover, as suggested by one of the reviewers, I have summarized within two tables the results of the neuropsychological (Table 1) and pupillometric (Table 2) evaluations performed in Habitual Occlusion and with Orthotic syntropic bite for a quick reading of the registered differences. The tables have been inserted at the end of the manuscript.

I hope I have revised the manuscript comprehensively and in conformity with the reviewers’ comments.

Thank you for your interest. My best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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